

REMARKS

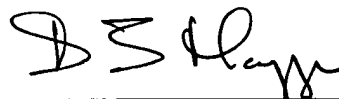
Claim 1 has been amended herein.

The following amendment is made in accordance with the discussions during the interview with the Examiner on September 9, 2003.

A statement of the substance of the interview of October 14, 2003, is herein submitted.

In light of the foregoing, all pending claims of the application (Claims 1-16, 18-22, 54 and 55) are now believed to be in a condition for allowance and early notice to such an effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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